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SUBJECT: BARBADOS SENDS MESSAGE ON AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT

¶1. This message is an action request. Please see para 2.

¶2. On May 3, 2007, post received Diplomatic Note No. IR/200783 from the Government of Barbados requesting air transport rights in the United States on behalf of Air Jamaica. Please see full text of the Diplomatic Note in para ¶3. Post requests guidance on how to respond to the Government of Barbados.

¶3. Begin text of Diplomatic Note:

No. IR/2007/83

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Barbados presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honour to refer to the Air Services Agreement between the Governments of Barbados and the United States of America signed on April 08, 1982.

The Ministry has the further honour to refer to its Note Ref. No. 0881/A36 dated 26 September 1996 and inform the Embassy of the United States of America that, pursuant to Article 3 of the above mentioned Agreement and Annex I of the Agreement, the Aeronautical Authorities of Barbados hereby designate Air Jamaica Limited to conduct international air transport between Barbados and Fort Lauderdale. In this regard, and noting that, based on section B of Annex I of said agreement, the Government of Barbados may select four points in the United States for airlines designated by that Government, it is also notified that Fort Lauderdale is one of these points.

Air Jamaica Limited is the national airline of the Government of Jamaica which is a member State of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), of which the Government of Barbados is also a Member. In this regard, the Aeronautical Authorities of the United States of America are asked to recall paragraph 3 of Section II (Cooperation in Regulatory Arrangements) of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Resolution A35.18 entitled "Consolidated Statement of Continuing ICAO Policies in the air transport field", whereby the ICAO calls upon Contracting States of ICAO to recognize the designation of an airline of a developing State which is substantially owned and effectively controlled by another developing State or nationals of that State within the same economic and regional grouping to exercise route and other air transport rights on behalf of the designating State. It is on this basis that the Ministry urges the Aeronautical Authorities of the United States of America to give early and favourable consideration to this request to enable Air Jamaica Limited to engage in the services as provided for in paragraph 2 of

Article 3 of the Air Services Agreement.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Barbados
avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of
the United States of America the assurances of its highest
consideration.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade
Barbados

April 27, 2007.

End text.

¶4. The Diplomatic Note will be faxed to WHA/CAR.
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